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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A messaging system, comprising:  
a memory for storing one or more messages, wherein some of said one or more messages are threaded within others of said one or more messages, wherein a threaded message includes at least a portion of another message, wherein said memory stores only new content of messages threaded within other messages; and  
a controller for identifying which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others and accessing said some threaded within messages when said others are accessed and indicating in a display separate from [a] said threaded message that said at least a portion of another message threaded in said threaded message has been read when said threaded message has been read.
2. (Currently Amended) A messaging system, comprising:  
a memory for storing one or more messages, wherein some of said one or more messages are threaded within others of said one or more messages, wherein a threaded message includes at least a portion of another message, wherein said memory is configured to store only new content of a threaded message; and  
a controller for identifying which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others; said controller being configured to indicate that a message threaded within another message has been accessed when only said another message in which said message has been threaded has been accessed.
3. (Previously Presented) A messaging system in accordance with claim 2, wherein said controller is configured to perform an action on said another message having other messages threaded within it and automatically perform said action on said messages threaded within it.

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4. (Previously Presented) A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being deleting said another message.

5. (Previously Presented) A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being saving said another message.

6. (Previously Presented) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said one or more messages being e-mail messages.

7. (Previously Presented) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said one or more messages being voice mail messages.

8. (Original) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said controller being configured to provide a prompt to a user if said user selects a message which is threaded within another message.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a messaging system, comprising:

storing one or more first messages;

storing one or more second messages, at least one of said one or more first messages being threaded within said one or more second messages, wherein at least a portion of said one or more first messages is included within said one or more second messages, wherein only new content of a threaded message is stored;

identifying to a user which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others; and

accessing said one or more first messages responsive to accessing said one or more second messages; and

~~indicating in a display separate from a message that said at least a portion of another message threaded in said message has been read when said message has been read.~~

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10. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a messaging system, comprising:

storing one or more first messages;

storing one or more second messages, at least one of said one or more first messages being threaded within said one or more second messages, wherein at least a portion of said one or more first messages is included within said one or more second messages, wherein only new content of a threaded message is stored; and

identifying to a user which of said one or more messages are threaded within said others, said identifying including indicating that a message threaded within another message has been accessed when only said another message in which said message has been threaded has been accessed.

11. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 10, including performing an action on said another message having other messages threaded within it and automatically performing said action on said other messages threaded within it.

12. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 11, said performing including deleting said another message.

13. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 12, said performing including saving said another message.

14. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 13, said one or more first messages being e-mail messages.

15. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 13, said one or more first messages being voice mail messages.

16. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 9, including providing a prompt to a user if said user selects a message which is threaded within another message.

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**17. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging system comprises a voice mail system.**

**18. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.**

**19. (Original) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said messaging system comprises a voice mail system.**

**20. (Original) A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said messaging system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.**